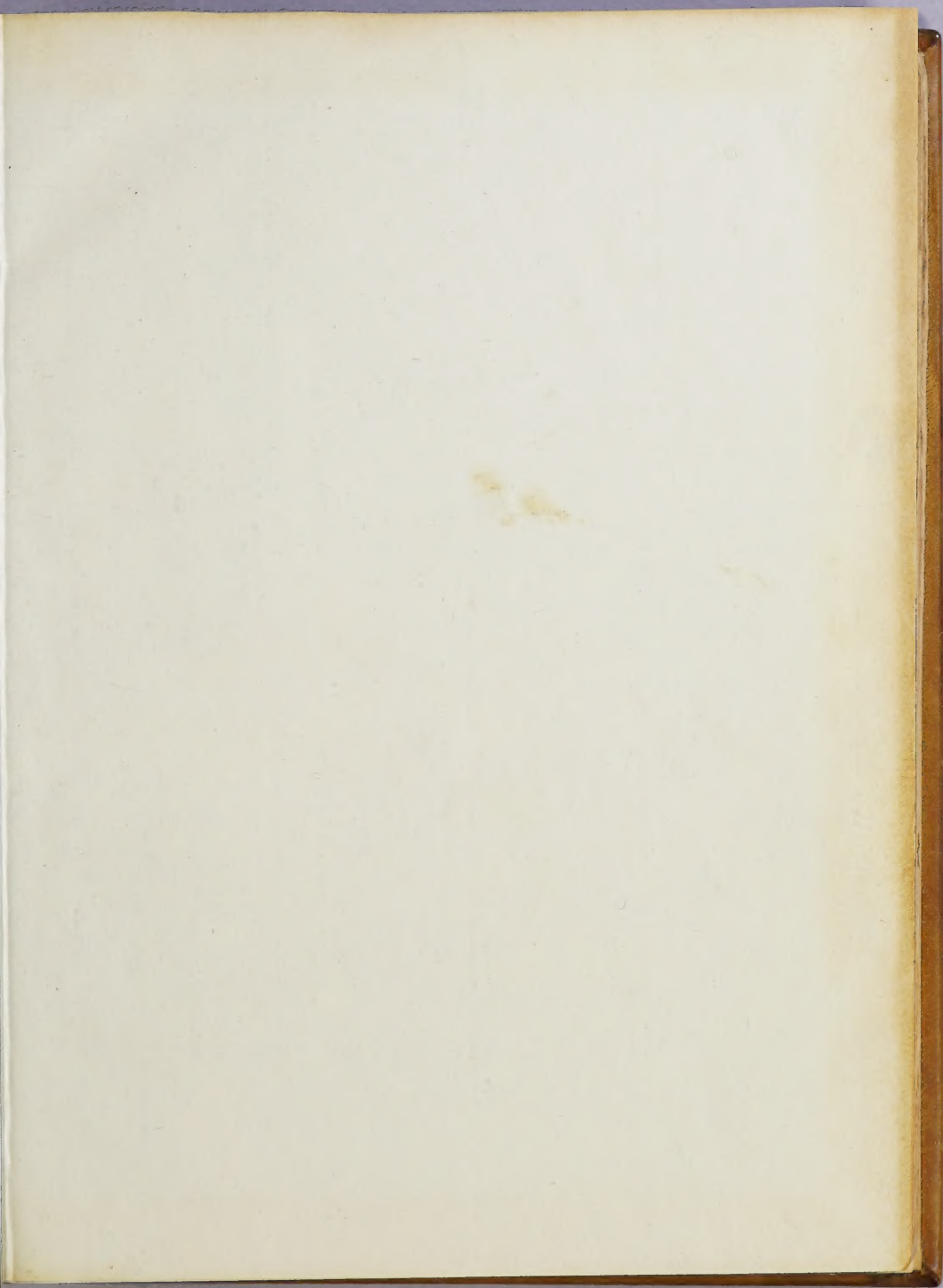
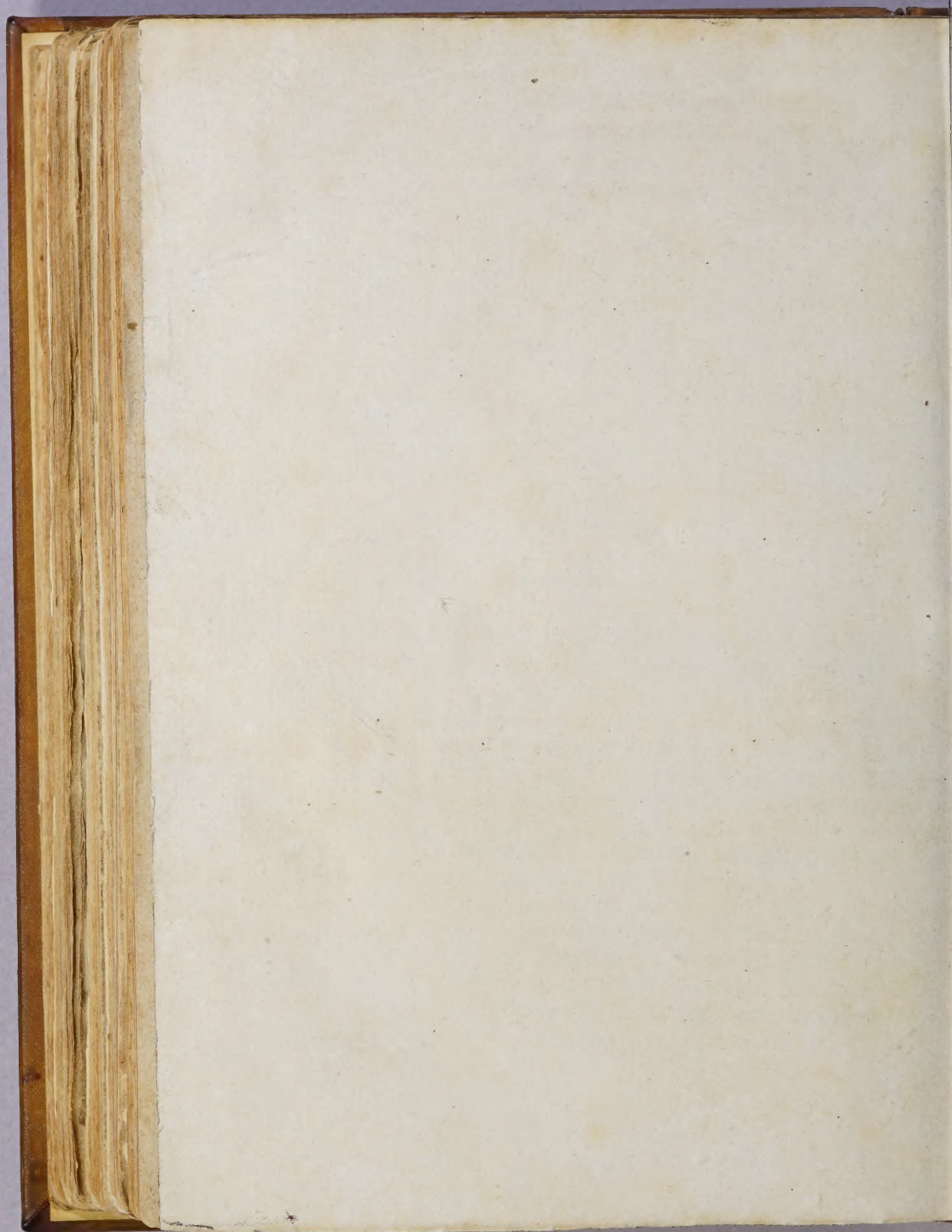






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JOURNAL  
OF THE  
Best-Expedition,  
BY THE  
Lord MARQUISS  
OF  
CAERMARTHEN.

L O N D O N,

Printed for Randal Taylor, near Amen-Corner, 1694.



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TO THE  
READER.

**I**T being my Lot in the Brest-Expedition, to be on Board Their Majesties Ship, the Royal William, Com-manded by the Marquiss of Caermarthen, Rear Admiral of the Blue, I saw at our return to Spit-Head, His Lordship's Journal which he was sending to His Grace the Duke of Leeds; I found it was so very Just, in every Particular, that I thought I should do a very acceptable piece of Service to the Publick in printing it; I therefore got a Copy of it, which I have here published, Word for Word, without any manner of Alteration, and have made an exact Draught of the Place, and manner of our Attack.



# Line of Battle, 1694.

The *English* to lead with the Lar-board,  
and the *Dutch* with their Star-board  
Tacks on Board.

Fire-Ships and Small Frigats.	Rates.	Ships.	Men.	Guns.	Division.	Squadron.
Zeytt.	46	Westfriesland.	450	88	Vice Adm. <i>Van. Putten.</i>	
Deharder.		Koning William.	530	90		
		Zeirick Zee.	325	60		
Drakenstein.	44	Captain General.	500	86	S. B. N. <i>Van. Goes,</i> Lieutenant Adm.	Dutch.
Wesel.	30	Stol. Muyden.	400	72		
Wymberg.		Unic.	550	94		
Etna.		Damiaten.	210	50		
De Wolf.	30	Munikendam.	375	70	Vice Adm. <i>Schey.</i>	
Brandenburg.		Wassanaar.	300	60		
		Princess.	500	92		
		Cheuwirsten.	500	94		
ENGLISH.						
Hawk.					Rear Admiral.	
Charles, } Fire Ships.	3	Suffolk.	340	60		
Blaze, }	4	Greenwich.	280	50		
Syam, Hosp. Ship.	1	London.	730	100		
Shoreham.	1	Royal William.	780	106	Admiral.	Blue.
Charles Galley.	3	Hope.	460	70		
Mercury, Advice Boat.	3	Dreadnought.	400	60		
Bristol, Hosp. Ship.						
Roebuck.	3	Monck.	340	60	Admiral.	
Speedwell.	2	Royal Katharine.	540	80		
St. Paul, } Fire Ships.	1	Queen.	780	100		
Crescent, }	2	Dutchess.	660	90		
Dispatch, } Brigant.	3	Edgar.	445	66	Vice Adm.	Red.
Shark, }	3	Swiftsure.	420	66		
Discovery.						
	3	Lyon.	340	60		
Owners Love.	3	Captain.	460	70	Vice Adm.	
Machine, } Fire Ships.	2	Neptune.	730	94		
Joseph, }	2	Vanguard.	660	90		
London Merchant, H.S.	3	Sterling Castle.	460	70		
	3	Defiance.	400	62		



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# JOURNAL

KEPT AT

# SEA,

BETWEEN THE

*Twenty Ninth of May, and the Fifteenth  
of June, 1694. With an Exact and Im-  
partial Relation of our late Expedition  
and Attempts in Camarett Bay, near  
Brest.*

**M**AY 29. 1694. This Day we had little  
Wind, and variable, from the S. S. E.  
round the Compass. In the Morning we  
had the Signal for the Fleet to Weigh; but falling  
calm, rode fast. Afternoon the Wind came to the  
N. W. with Showers of Rain, and at Night much  
Lightning.

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On the 30th. about 4 a Clock in the Morning we had the Signal for Weighing, the Wind at N. N. W. and then to N. W. We came to Sail, and about 10 a Clock *Donnoze* bore S. W. by W. about 5 Miles distant. At 8 at Night the *Needles* bore N. W. by W. about 3 Leagues distant, we standing off all that Night.

On the 31st. At 4 in the Morning the High Land of *St. Albans* bore N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. of us, about 3 Leagues distant We had little Wind at N. W. About 9 there was a Council of War held on Board the *Britannia*, where were present,

Mr. *Russel*, Admiral of the Fleet.

The Lord *Berkeley*, Admiral of the *Blue*.

Sir *Cloudefley Shovel*, Vice-Admiral of the *Red*.

Colonel *Aylmer*, Vice-Admiral of the *Blue*.

Colonel *Mitchel*, Rear-Admiral of the *Red*.

The Marquis of *Caermarthen*, Rear-Admiral of the *Blue*.

Captain *Bing*, eldest Captain to the Admiral.

Lieutenant-General *Talماش*.

Earl of *Macclesfield*.

The Lord *Cutts*.

Sir *Martin Beckman*.



Admiral *Allemonde*, Admiral of the *Dutch*.

Vice-Admiral *Vander-Putten*.

Vice-Admiral *Schey*.

Vice-Admiral, *Vander-Goes*.

Rear-Admiral *Everten*.

Captain *Vander-Duten*.

*Where it was Resolved,*

*First*, That the Fleet designed for *Brest* did make the best of their way for *Camarett Bay*, and Anchor there, where the Land-Forces were to be immediately disembarked, and the Fleet to remain at Anchor 'till they had Advice from Lieutenant-General *Talmash* of the Condition of the Fort on the Star-board side going in, and what Forces he might find there.

*Secondly*, That the going into *Brest* Water with the Fleet being taken into Consideration, 'twas not then thought advisable to come to any positive Resolution at what time to go in, but to have that matter to be considered of when the Fleet arrived at *Camarett Bay*.

*Thirdly*, That a Red Ensign on the Fore-Top-Mast-Head on Board the Admiral, and firing a Gun was agreed upon to be the Signal for the Soldiers Imbarking on Board the small Vessels and Boats;  
and



and the taking down the said Signal, and firing Two Guns, the Signal for the Soldier's going from the Fleet on Shore.

But in going on Board the *Britannia*, there arose a Fogg, which lasted 'till Noon; then came a fine fresh Gale of Wind which clear'd up the Fogg; and at 8 at Night *Portland* bore N. W. by N. about 3 Leagues distant.

June 1<sup>st</sup>. At 4 a Clock in the Morning, *Portland* bore N. W. about 5 Leagues distant, the Wind at W. by S. and at 8 (the Ebbing spent) we Anchored in 29 Fathom Water, (*Portland* bearing N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. about 4 Leagues distant) with pleasant Weather. At 2 Afternoon we came to Sail again, and at 8 at Night the *Start* bore W. S. W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  S. about 6 Leagues distant; and at 9 we Anchored in 19 Fathom Water, with a small Breeze Northerly.

On the *Second*, at 3 a Clock in the Morning we Weighed, it being calm; and at 6 the *Berry-Head* bore W. by S. about 5 Leagues; at half an Hour after 9 we Anchored in 25 Fathom Water, where we lay till half an Hour after 2, then Weighed, having a fine Gale at S. W. and at 8 at Night the *Berry* bore W. S. W. about 3 Leagues distant, the Wind at N. W.

June 3. We



*June 3d.* We had a Calm all the Morning till about 7 a clock ; then a small Gale at N. N. W. Afterwards veering to the W. and W. S. W. At Noon we had the start W. B. S. about 3 Leagues distant. And at 8 at Night N. W. B. N. about 3 Leagues, the Wind then at N. W.

On the 4th. At 4 a clock in the Morning, the *Bolt* bore N. W. about 3 Leagues distant, the Wind at W. N. W. afterwards came about to S. W. B. S. At Noon, the *Bolt* Land was N. B. W. half W. about 5 Leagues distant ; and at 8 at Night, the *Ram-head* N. W. half W. about 5 leagues distant ; all the Fleet at this time plying to the Westward.

On the 5th. At 4 a clock in the Afternoon (the Wind at N. W. and the *Ram-head* bearing N. of us, about 37 Miles distant) we parted from Admiral *Russel*, with 29 Sail of Line of Battel Ships, English and Dutch (besides small Frigats, Fire-Ships, Machines, Tenders, Well-Boats, and 5 Bomb-Vessels) under the Command of my Lord *Berkely* : The Admiral, with the rest of the Fleet, at the same time, making the best of his Way for the *Streights*, and We for *Camaret-Bay*.



On the 6th. At 9 a clock in the Morning, my Lord *Berkeley* made the Signal for a Council of War-Officers, for consulting, directing and ordering all things to be in a readiness for Landing in *Camaret-Bay*. And,

1<sup>st</sup>. It was agreed to put Execution the Resolutions of the Council of War afore-mention'd, held on board the *Britannia*, the 31<sup>st</sup>. of May, Admiral *Russel* President.

2<sup>dly</sup>. It was resolv'd to send a Lieutenant in each of the Ship's Boats (that carry the Men on shore) to Command them.

3<sup>dly</sup>. It being Propos'd to go in without Flags, it was Resolv'd in the Negative.

My Lord *Cutts* advis'd landing all the Grenadiers (which were about 600) a little before the rest of the Forces, that (in case the Enemy should be intrench'd, and that it should be resolv'd to attack them) we might be in a better Condition to force their Entrenchments ; and also advis'd, That before they should land, a Captain, with 50 Grenadiers, might go on shore,  
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to discover the Posture and Countenance of the Enemy ; for 'twas his Lordship's Opinion (if their Intrenchments were very strong, and sustain'd by Regular Troops) not to attack them, believing the thing, in such a case, not to be practicable ; but if the Grenadiers should all land, then the rest of the Forces should immediately land to sustain them. This Advice of his Lordship's was by all extremely well-approved of, and Lieutenant-General *Talmasb* himself agreed it should be so : accordingly it was order'd, That all the Grenadiers should be embark'd on the Well-Boats, and my Lord *Cutts* very honourably offer'd his Service to Command them ; which Lieutenant-General *Talmasb* also consented to.

It was also consulted at this Council of War, Whether we should stand in for *Camaret-Bay* that Night (though in the Night?) And 'twas Resolv'd, To endeavour to make the Land that Evening, and to go in as far as we could in the Night. Accordingly we made sail, and about 6 a clock in the Evening we saw *Ushant*, bearing S. E. half E. about 7 Leagues distant ; but at 10, so many of our Tenders and Well-Boats, besides some Ships, were so far a-stern,



that we were forc'd to lie by for them, till 3 the next Morning.

*June 7th.* At Three a clock in the Morning we made sail, the Wind at N. N. E. At Four, had *Ushant* E. S. E. of us, about Three Leagues distant. At Twelve, *St. Matthew's-Cloyster* bore N. E. B. E. And at Half an hour after One (the Tyde of Ebb being strongly made) we were forc'd to come to an Anchor about a league S. S. E. from *St. Matthew's Point*, in 20 Fathom Water. At Five (the Tyde of Flood being made) we weighed again, and stood in; and at Seven, came to an Anchor between *Camaret-Bay*, and the Bay of *Bertheaume*, in 16 Fathom Water.

In our coming in (the Wind shortning upon us) we were forc'd to make two Trips from side to side, before we could get to our design'd Anchoring-place. In which time, we were received with Bombs from 4 Points of high Land. The first Bomb that was thrown at us, was from the West Point of *Camaret Bay*, our Ships being forc'd (at first) to stand near that Point, the Wind being at N. N. E. so that we had several Bombs thrown at us before we tack'd, and stood the  
other



other way, and after we were about, and had stood pretty near the N. Shore, we were also received with several Bombs from an old Castle which stood very high upon a little Island close to the W. Point of *Bertheaume* Bay; and after we had tack'd again, as we were standing in to come to an Anchor, the other Two Points on each side of the Narrow, going into *Brest* Road, (one on the N. side, called *Point des Minoux*; the other on the S. side, called *Point des Filletes*, (which is the W. end of *Point Spaniole*,) play'd also their Bombs at us. But the Two latter could not throw them so far as our Ships, tho' the Two former did; and after we were come to an Anchor, they continu'd throwing Bombs at us from all the afore-mention'd Places, till Ten a clock at night, but did us no damage at all.

A little before we came to an Anchor, My Lord *Cutts*, and my self, agreed to go on Board my Galley, and look into *Camaret*-Bay, taking along with us Sir *John Jacobs*, Captain *Pitman*, Captain *Hammond*, Mr. *Vanbrooke*, &c. that were on Board the *Royal William*, and accordingly went on Board my Lord *Berkely* for leave, where we met my Lord *Mohun*, and Mr. *Wharton*, who also desir'd to go along with us; and having stood  
well



well into the Bay, so as to gain a good View of it, we were warmly fir'd at by *Camaret-Fort*; but by the Assistance of those few little Guns we had in the Galley, and the good Sailing of her, we made a shift in our own Smoke to get out again, without any Damage.

Then we return'd on Board my Lord *Berkely*, and after having given an Account of the Posture of the Bay, and the Situation of its Castle, how advantagiously it lay for defending the Landing-Places; 'twas thought fit that Two Ships of about 60 Guns each, should be sent in, in the morning to batter that Castle, and accordingly my Lord *Berkely* ordered the *Monck*, and a Dutch Man of War, about the same Force, to go in for that purpose. But I (having view'd the Place) did believe that Two Ships would not be sufficient to cover our Boats at their Landing, from the Fire of that Fort, and therefore mov'd his Lordship to think of sending such a Number, as would be sufficient not only to secure the Boats from the Shot of the Castle, but also give Assistance to our Land-Forces, (when landing) by playing some of our Cannon upon the Enemies Troops, which we had great Reason to believe would strongly oppose them; finding them much better



better prepared on all sides, with Mortars, Guns, and Men, than we expected : But all my Proposals in that Matter, my Lord *Berkely* referr'd to the Opinion of a Council of War, which he then resolv'd to call the next morning by Three or Four a clock.

On the 8th. at Break of Day, was a stark Calm, and so great a Fog, that we could not see half the length of our Ships from us, and continued so till between 6 and 7, at which time the day clear'd up, so that the Signal for a Council of War was easily perceived ; as also that for Embarking the Soldiers, at the same time we saw drawn up in a Line, upon the High-land on the W. side of *Camaret-Bay*, Fourteen Squadrons of the Enemies Horse, which appeared to us to be Regular Troops, being all very well cloathed.

Between Seven and Eight a Clock, the Council of War, consisting of the English and Dutch Flags, and the General Officers of the Land-Forces, were assembled, and after consulting what was best to be done, for the securing our Land-Forces, on their Approach to the Enemies Shore, and to cover their Landing, 'twas resolv'd (as I had

had propos'd to my Lord *Berkely* the night before) to send in Three English, and Three Dutch Frigats more, besides the *Monck* and Dutch Man of War afore-mentioned, which were only ordered to batter the Fort, and I (having the night before been in the Bay, and view'd the Posture thereof) offer'd my Service to Command the Ships ordered on this Occasion ; which being Accepted of, I desir'd also, that Lieutenant-General *Talmash* might send some fitting Land-Officers, to go in with me, who (when we were come to an Anchor in the Bay) might be able, and return soon enough to give him an Account of all the Difficulties was possible for us, from our Ships, to discover in any of the proper Landing-Places, so that he might the better avoid those Difficulties, and land in the most easie Place of Access ; which also was agreed to, and accordingly the Lieutenant-General appointed Monsieur *Mountergr* to go with me.

In all other Matters, this Council of War agreed in their Resolutions with that of the 6th. excepting this Addition, That when my Lord *Berkely* should hoist a White Flag at the Fore-Top-Mast Head, all the Ships, Small Vessels, and Boats, should come off, and make the best



best of their Way, out of the Bay to him again.

Before the Council of War was ended, several of the Vessels and Boats, (in which the Land-Forces were Embarqu'd) came under my Lord *Berkley's* Stern, but the Misty Weather before, and the Calm, which yet continued, hindred them from getting to that Rendezvous, so soon as was design'd, by Three or Four Hours.

I also desir'd my Lord *Berkely* (tho' he had ordered the *Monck*, and *Damiaten*, a Dutch Man of War, to go in and batter that Fort, before I came in with the other six Ships,) that he would give me leave to go in with the *Monck*, and lay her and the said Dutch-man in the more proper Station for so doing, because neither of the Captains knew any thing of the Figure of that place, and I could easily return time enough, for leading in the other six Ships, and place them also to the best Advantage; which his Lordship granted, and agreed would be very convenient, so taking my leave of him, I went on Board the *Charles*  
C Galley,

Galley, and hoisted my Flag there, he not being willing I should hoist it on Board the *Monck*, because he would have me take the greatest care of porting the other six Frigates as conveniently as could be to cover our Forces landing, and to annoy (as much as possible the Enemies Forces, which we had great reason to believe was intrencht on the East side of the Bay ; so that to have hoisted my Flag on board the *Monck*, to have struck it again, (when 'twas absolutely necessary to have it on board another Ship for leading in their rest to their design'd Stations) would have given such encouragement to the Enemy, that they would have thought they had knock'd down a Flag-Officer, or that they had done us a great deal more damage than they did.

The Six Ships appointed to go into the Bay with me on this occasion, was the *Greenwich*, a Ship with Fifty-four Guns mounted, the *Charles Galley* with Thirty-two, and the *Shoreham* with Thirty-two ; and the *Drakenstein* with Forty-four, the *Wesep* with Thirty, and the *Wolfe* with Thirty ; but the *Greenwich*, (on board of which I had design'd to have hoisted my



my Flag) by reason of the Negligence of her Commander, (whose Name is *Weyghman*) or his Cowardice, or both, had disobey'd my Orders, and came not near me all that day; so that the best half of the *English* Force, in that little Detachment, was left behind: After I had hoisted my Flag I called together the Five Captains, that afterwards went in with me, and gave them as good a Description, by a Map, as I could, of the Bay we were going into, and how I design'd they should be there Posted, and what we were then to do, Ordering them with the Five Ships under their Command to follow at such a convenient Distance from me, as that (after I had posted the *Monck*, and Dutch Man of War appointed to batter the Fort) I might return time enough to lead them into their proper Stations.

Then I went on Board the *Monck*, it being about Twelve of the Clock at Noon, making the best of my way in for the Bay: But it continued yet so calm, that I was forc'd to get Boats to tow us on our way, and as soon as we were separated a little

from the Fleet, the Enemy began to throw their Bombs very fast upon us from *Point des Fillettes*, and the *VV. Point of Camaret-Bay*, and after we were come within Three Quarters of a Mile of the latter, one of their Bombs broke just over our Heads, in the *Monck*, a great piece of which struck through her Poop, and Two Decks more, and came out again into the *VVater* near one of the Stern Ports, on the Larboard-side in the Gun-Room, killing Two Marines of my own Company, and wounded a Third which stood close by me on the Poop, and soon after, which was about One of the Clock, a fine Breeze sprung up at North-*VVest*, which set us apace into the Bay, and as soon as we were come up a-brest of the *VVest-Point*, *Camaret-Fort* fir'd very fast at us; and we being forc'd



forc'd, at that time, to stand with our Stern right upon it, the Shot from thence did us a great deal of Damage; they, for a considerable time having the opportunity of Raking us fore and aft, (no Shot from the Fort being thrown at us of a less nature than a Demi-Cannon,) and we not able to bring any but our chase Guns to bear upon them. And after we were pretty well shot into the Bay, we were surpriz'd with Three Batteries firing upon us; which we did not perceive, or know any thing of, till we felt their Shot: two of which, as we were going in, was on our Starboard-side, one of Three Guns, and the other of Five, and another of Six Guns, upon our Starboard Bow, close by *Camalet Church*. There was also a Redoubt stood pretty high before the Fort and the Church, which had five or six  
Guns

Guns mounted, but of a small nature. So when the rest of the Ships came up, finding all these Batteries so extremely defensive against us, I was forc'd to alter my former Resolutions of placing them; and after I had brought the *Monck*, and a Dutch Man of War, into the most proper Station I could judge, for battering the Fort, I was necessitated my self to go on board every particular Ship, that was following me, to fix some of them so as to give Diversion to those Batteries; and the others in the most convenient Stations I could at that time get them to, for defending our Land-Forces (on their approach to the Shore) from the Cannon-shot; and also to execute our Design on the Enemies Land-Forces, and cover our own on their Descent. But I had no sooner parted from the *Monck*, but the



the Wind came about to the N. E. which then also made it very difficult for me to prosecute my Design ; but with getting most of their Boats together, and towing first one Ship, and then another, I made a shift, at last, to post them in such a manner, that I am very well assured, gave great Succour to our Land-Forces, and also with a considerable Annoyance of the Enemy ; though not so much as they should have done, had not the Wind unluckily come about from the Westward to the Eastward.

As soon as we were come to an Anchor, Monsieur Mountergis, as well as my self, plainly perceived that the Enemy had very advantageously intrench'd themselves at every place where there was any possibility

sibility of Landing ; and there was also great numbers of Foot drawn behind their Trenches , besides some Regular Troops of Horse. And as we were standing into the Bay, we saw all those Squadrons of Horse (which were before drawn up on the high Land on the West-side of the Bay) riding round, as fast as they could, to the design'd Landing-place.

As soon as we had seen these uncomfortable Prospects, Monsieur *Mountergis* went with all speed to acquaint the Lieutenant-General therewith ; who was at that time with most of the Land-Forces pretty well advanc'd towards the Bay, (the Signal being made for the Forces going on shore as soon as I began to engage.)

I thought



I thought our Land Forces moov'd towards the Shore in great disorder, and how it happened I know not, but Lievtenant General *Talmash*, with a small number of Well-boates in a kind of a confused manner, went on shore under a little Rock on the South side of the small Bay, where they landed: And I saw no prosecution of that regular way of landing, which my Lord *Cutt's* proposed, and was before agreed on; but having a great deal on my hands, and so little assistance, that I was forc'd, generally to go on my own Messages, I am able to give but little account of what was done close by the Shore: Only that when I saw the Boates, and small Vessels (in which our Land Forces was imbarqu'd) had made their retreat from thence, (excepting such as stuck fast there, in which a great many men were kill'd, and out of which others were taken Prisoners, and some jump'd into the Water, endeavouring that way to make their escape) I went with my 20 Oar'd-boat pretty close to the Shore in hopes to save some, and had the good fortune to take

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up several before they were drown'd; at the same time I had the opportunity to take notice of the disposition of that little Bay. The Enemy just then making a running Fire round all their Trenches, and from every Battery they had rais'd on this occasion; and tho they also fir'd Ball at us, it presently shew'd they meant it only as a signal of their Victory, but by that means I easily discovered how they were provided.

This was a Sandy Bay, about 300 yards in Front, and was naturally easie of access, and was flankt on the right, and left with strong Earth-works, and Cannon, and had a deep Trench of Communication, from one work to the other fronting the Water, which in less than half Musquet-shot from the waterside. But according to my poor judgment in matters of this kind, the preparations they had made was such (the great number of the Troops both of Horse and Foot, which they had behind their Works to sustain them, considered) it would have been altogether im-



impossible ( had we had double our Force )  
to have executed our Design.

Our Ships both at their comming in, and when anchored in the Bay made a very vigorous fire upon the Enemy for about 3 hours. but *Camarait*-fort had such thick Walls and our men was so undisciplin'd and such ill Marks-men, that I believe we did the Fort but little Damage, tho we occasion'd their men to run out of it twice, and saw their Officers, driving them back again, but after that our men seeing the Boates with the Land Forces were repulsed, and forc't to retreat, and the *French* Batteries firing still very vigorously on them, and every moment some of them falling, and many kill'd and wounded; great numbers of the Ships Companies that was there both *Dutch* and *English* ran into the Hold, in spight of all the Officers could do to prevent it.

As soon as I had disposed of the poor men I sav'd from drowning, I went on Board the *Charles Gally* again, and after I had been

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there about half and hour, I saw the signal made for bringing off the Ships, and accordingly sent to every Ship to get off as fast as they could : But the greatest difficulty I had in all this Action was to effect that part, for almost all their Rigging was cut to pieces, and most of their Masts and Yards disabled, so that there was no way left to preserve them, but by Towing them off with great number of Boates, and we had but very few left with this Little Squadron, by reason almost all the Boats in the Fleet were forc'd to be made use of for the assistance of the Landforces. So that Boates being our only remedy, and delay in getting them of most dangerous consequence, and fearing an inferior Officer might not be so speedily obey'd, I was oblig'd to go my self after the Pinnaces and Barges carrying off some of the Officers of the Land Forces, and (disimbarking some of them) force in as many of the Boates as I could procure, timely enough, to tow off the Ships, the Boates Crews being very unwilling to go back to such a hot place after I returned with them, having



ing not enough to imploy in towing off two Ships at once, I first clapt them all to the *Charles Gally*, she being the farthest advanced into the Bay, and the most diabled in her Masts, Sails and Rigging, and also her Rother having received such an unlucky Shot, is made it wholly unserviceable to her. But by this time the *Shoreham* whose Masts, Sails and Rigging were not so much disabled as the rest, by the assistance of two or three Boates got out of the Bay clear of all. And after I had tow'd the *Charles Gally* so far out as that she had weathered the Rock, close by the West Point of the Bay, I took all the Boates from her but three, and brought them back with all Expedition, and clapt them to the *Monk*. At this time the *Dutch* Man of War (which I had ported with her Broad-side to the little Bay, where our Forces attempted to Land) being a great deal to windward of the rest, (and having received very little Damage, as being at the greatest distance from *Camarett-fort*, and the

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Batteries on the West side, ) immediately  
 sailed out, without the assistance of any  
 Boates. Whereupon, her Boates, with what  
 other *Dutch* Boates, I could meet, I sent to  
 the assistance of two of the other *Dutch*-men  
 of War, which lay on the West side of the  
 Bay, and in a short time, tho they were very  
 much shatter'd, made a shift to get out. By that  
 time they were out, the *Monk* had got up her  
 Anchors; and after I had given the Fort her  
 broadside (as near as I could) in a Volley,  
 the boates being all ready ) I made them tow  
 her Head round off in that Smoke, and so  
 continue towing as fast as they could. No  
 sooner was her Smoke dispersed but the Ene-  
 my (perceiving her going off) fir'd (I think)  
 more vigorously at her than they had done at  
 the time before, and (her Stem lying fair  
 with the Fort) what Shot then took place in  
 here, (raking her fore and aft) did her more  
 damage, than she had receiv'd most of the  
 time before: She being not far from the West  
 side of this Bay, and the Wind at E. N. E.

and



and having no Sails to make use of, but her  
 tow Courtes, all her Topmasts, Rigging, Yards,  
 and her Rother also being so much disabled,  
 that she had no Steeridge, but what the boates  
 gave her, occasion'd her driving so much to-  
 wards that shore, so that we were forc'd to  
 make the Boates to tow all they could to  
 windward, which laid them so open to the  
 Forts Shot, which the Enemy perceiving, fir'd  
 as fast as they could at them, and their Shot  
 flew so thick among them, that it disheartened  
 their Crewes, that they gave over towing, and  
 ran all of a huddle under the shelter of the Ship,  
 notwithstanding all the Officers could say or do  
 to encourage them, so that for their encourage-  
 ment I was forc'd to go my self in my own boat  
 and tow, in the middle of them, that the Ship  
 might be kept from the Rock near the point of  
 the Leward of her, towards which she then  
 drove very fast. I had been but a little while  
 among them before a shot struck through a boat,  
 on my Right hand which wounded a Lieuten-  
 ant and one of his Men, and almost sunk  
 her

her, and a little while after, came a Shell in to a Boat on my left hand, close by me which killed four Men and wounded two more, and sunk the Boat, all at once, and this so discourag'd my Men, that they all gave over towing, and began to get under the shelter of the Ship again, so that I was forc'd my self to fire a Musquet at them, and to take up another to do the same, before I could make them return to their work.

With these difficulties I made a shift to get the *Monk* clear of this dangerous Rock, and brought her off, tho she did not escape coming upon it near half her Length, where if she had struck she would have most certainly been lost.

After I had got her clear, and out of all danger there was but one Ship left behind, which was a small *Dutch-Man* of 30 Gunn's called the *Teesep*. I had some time before called to severall *Dutch* Boats to go and help



help her, but finding they had not obey'd my Order, I was going my self, when I saw two Boats put off from her side : I row'd up to them, to know in what condition She was, and found an *English* Ensign in one of them ; who told me, the Captain, with all his Officers, and Men, were kill'd, but what I saw in those two Boats ; and that the Ship had Twelve Foot Water in Hold, and was sinking : He said likewise, that half the Company he belong'd to, being accidentally left on Board with him, were all kill'd, but himself, a Drummer, and one Man more ; and seeing there was no possibility of saving her, I went immediately to my Lord *Berkeley*, who was then on Board the *Dread nought* (where the General was carried in order to his going to *England*, for the taking care of the Wound he had received in his Thigh :) most of the Flag and General Officers of the Land Forces, being also then on Board the *Dread-nought* to see the Lieutenant General. My Lord *Berkeley* thought it very convenient to consult what was best to be done, and without making a Signal for a Council of War, he

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sent for the rest of the Flag-Officers ; and after a long Consultation, the Result was as follows, word for word.



*At a Council of War of Flag-Officers  
at Sea, and General-Officers at Land,  
held on Board Their Majesties Ship  
the Dread-nought the 8th. of June  
1694. in Camarett Road.*

**O**UR ill Success this Day on Shore being considered, and that the Enemy were intrenched almost in every Bay, it was considered what was now best to be done with the Fleet and Land-Forces on Board. General Talmaſh being asked, If he had Power to make any Attempt upon any other place than *Breſt*, he ſaid he had not; but propoſed, if it might not be for the

Service to send into *Brest* a Squadron of small Frigats, with Bomb-Vessels, to try to Bomb the Town; but 'twas thought by the Council of War by no means adviseable, because they could not go in without a Westerly Wind, which was now Easterly; nor could they come out again, without an Easterly Wind; so that we should be bound to stay there for them, were it never so long; besides, not knowing certainly what Forces the Enemy might have in *Brest*, it might be sending them into the Enemy's hands.

It being then proposed what was the best place to go to from hence; *Spithead* was resolved upon, it being the fittest place to Land the Soldiers, and to re-fit our maimed Ships; it was also resolved to leave two Men of War, and two Fireships off *Ushant*, to give Notice to all Ships, that came there to seek for us, where we were gone. Another reason for not sending the small Frigats with the Bomb-Vessels into *Brest*, was, That one was sunk battering the Forts, and the most of the rest



rest for the present made unserviceable, Resolved to Sail to morrow Morning by break of Day, Wind and Weather permitting.

*Berkeley,*                      *Jills Schey,*

*Clou. Shovell,*              *P. Vandergoes,*

*Carmarthen,*              *Tho. Talmash,*

*Fran. Allemonde,*      *Macclesfield,*

*Car. Vander-Putten,* *Cutts.*

After this Consultation was over, every Officer returned to his proper Ship.

In this Action, all the Captains (both *English* and *Dutch*) who commanded the Ships that went into *Camarett Bay*, behaved themselves with great Gallantry, and particularly

larly Captain *Warren*, Commander of the *Monck*; who not only shewed himself to be a Man of extraordinary Courage, but in all kinds behaved himself as well as 'twas possible for a Commander to do.

On this occasion most of the Volunteers on Board the Royal *William* offered me their Service, which I accepted of, and they all behaved themselves extraordinarily well, and were most of them of great use to me, particularly Mr. *Vanbrooke*, Captain *Chasseloup*, Mr. *Bonard*, and Mr. *Dixon* (my Secretary-)

Mr. *Vanbrooke* during all this Action, stuck very close to me, and in a great many things, was extremely serviceable both by his advice and otherwise.

Captain



Captain *Chiffeloup* was with me both in the *Monck*, and *Charles Gally*, in which Ships, he was often forc'd to do the Duty both of Lieutenant and Master, and without him, (he knowing the place particularly well) I should not have been able to have posted the Ships so conveniently as I did.

The *Charles Galley* having but one Lieutenant on Board Her, and he so dull a Creature, that he was very useless, Mr. *Bonard* and *Dixon* were forc'd to supply his Defects, which each of them perform'd with so much Courage and Dexterity, that without them, the Captain would have had no assistance, and the Ship have been much more unserviceable than She was.

Mr.

Mr. *Shewell*, my Chiplain, would needs go along with me likewise on this occasion, and was very serviceable, shewing a great deal of Bravery himself, and giving good Advice, and thereby great incouragement to the Seamen.

*Theophilus Hodgson* (my Eldest Lieutenant) went also voluntarily along with me, whose Service (had he not been with us at our going in and coming out) we should have much wanted, for besides the Service he did in general, when it was hard to find any of the *Moncks* People that would attempt it, he very readily clap'd a Spring upon Her Cable, by that means to bring Her Broad-side to bear on the Enemies Fort, and in getting the Ship off, he both performed the



the Duty of several Officers, as also of a common Seaman, during the whole Action, he did not only shew himself to be an extraordinary stout Man, but wonderfully active.

Mr. *Ripley* (the Chief Mate of the *Royal William*) was also with me, who (after the Master of the *Monck* was kill'd) did his Duty, and was a great help to us in saving the Ship.

Two young Gentlemen, whose Names were *Tankard* and *Trow*, were also very serviceable on board the *Monck* in this Action; but the latter had the Misfortune to have his Leg taken off with the very last Shot that struck the Ship, of which Wound he died in 3 or 4 hours.

The three *English* and four *Dutch* Men of War, that were then under my Command, have lost about 400 Men.

The Loss that the Land-Forces have sustain'd, I am not acquainted with; but 'tis reported that the Killed, Wounded and Taken, are about 700 Men.

June 9th. 1694.

**P**ursuant to the Resolutions of a Council of War held last Night, at Five a-Clock this Morning we came to Sail, the Wind at E. S. E. and stood out of the Bay, at Noon had *Fountain-head* S. S. E. four Leagues distant, falling calm till six in the Evening; then a fine Breeze at N. E. at eight at Night, the South-end of *Ushant* bore N. by W. four Leagues distant.

On the 10th.

At four this Morning, *Ushant* bore S. E. by S. about five Leagues distant, the Wind at E. by S. veering to the S. E. several Ships appear'd in sight, which prov'd to be the Bomb-vessels and Store-ships, which we had so long wanted: Upon which there was a Council of War called, where being proposed whether (since their Arrival) we should alter the Resolutions of the last Council of War,



War, and 'twas resolved in the Negative;  
 so we made Sail for Spithead, and at eight at  
 Night had *Ushant* S. by E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. about nine  
 Leagues distant.

On the 11th.

Little Wind from E. S. E. to South, in-  
 clining to Calms. Since we took our depar-  
 ture last Night, we have gone N. E. se-  
 venteen miles distant, Latitude per Account  
 49 d. 18 m. departure from *Ushant* four  
 miles East, it being S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. 38 miles.

On the 12th.

Thick rainy Weather blowing hard all  
 day, the Wind from E. S. E. to W. S. W.  
 and back to S. E. again: Our Course per  
 board, all Impediments allowed, is N. E.  $\frac{1}{2}$  N.  
 52 miles, difference of Latitude 40. and  
 Meridian distance 32 miles, Latitude per Ac-  
 count 49 d. 58 m. Meridian distance from  
*Ushant* 36 Miles East, it bearing S. S. W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W.  
 28 Leag. and 2 miles; about four in the Afternoon

we handed both Top-sails, bore up, and came to our Larboard tack till about eleven, then brought to, to the Eastward again; and in bearing up, a Ship run on board us, and split our Fore-Sail, and carried away our Fore-top Gallant-mast, broke his own Spritsail-yard, which with the Sail hung to the bunt of our Fore-sail, then dropt over-board: He also lost his Sprit-sail Top-mast, and so got clear.

On the 13th.

At six this Morning we saw the Bolt North, four Leagues from us; at eight the Start had the same bearing and distance, the Wind at S. W. fair weather, veering to the E. S. E. At eight at night the Bill of Portland bore N. E. by E. about four Leagues; then came up with us the Surlings and Newport, two small Frigats bound for New England. All the following Night proved but little Wind.



*On the 14th.*

At four this morning the Bill of Portland bore N. N. W. about 5 Leagues distant, the Wind at S. W. a fine small Gale: At twelve we had the Needles N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  E. about three Leagues distant in the Evening, sometimes Calm, and sometimes a small Breeze at E. S. E. We drove till the Flood was done, and then anchored in 12 Fathom-water, being 12 a-clock at night, Donnoze bearing N. by W. and Cul. Cliff N. by E.

*On the 15th.*

At 6 this morning we weighed, having a fine Gale at S. W. and at half an hour after ten we anchored within St. Helen's Road in seventeen Fathom-water, where we moored, Filkiker bearing N. W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  W. and St. Helen's Point, South-Westerly.

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My Lord Berkeley, during all this Expedition, has had a great deal of unusual trouble by reason of the Imbarcations of the Soldiers notwithstanding which (both, by his Advice at Councils of War, and issuing of Orders, which his Lordship has done very methodically) hath behaved himself (in my Opinion) with all the Conduct and Prudence that could be expected from any Gentleman in his Station.

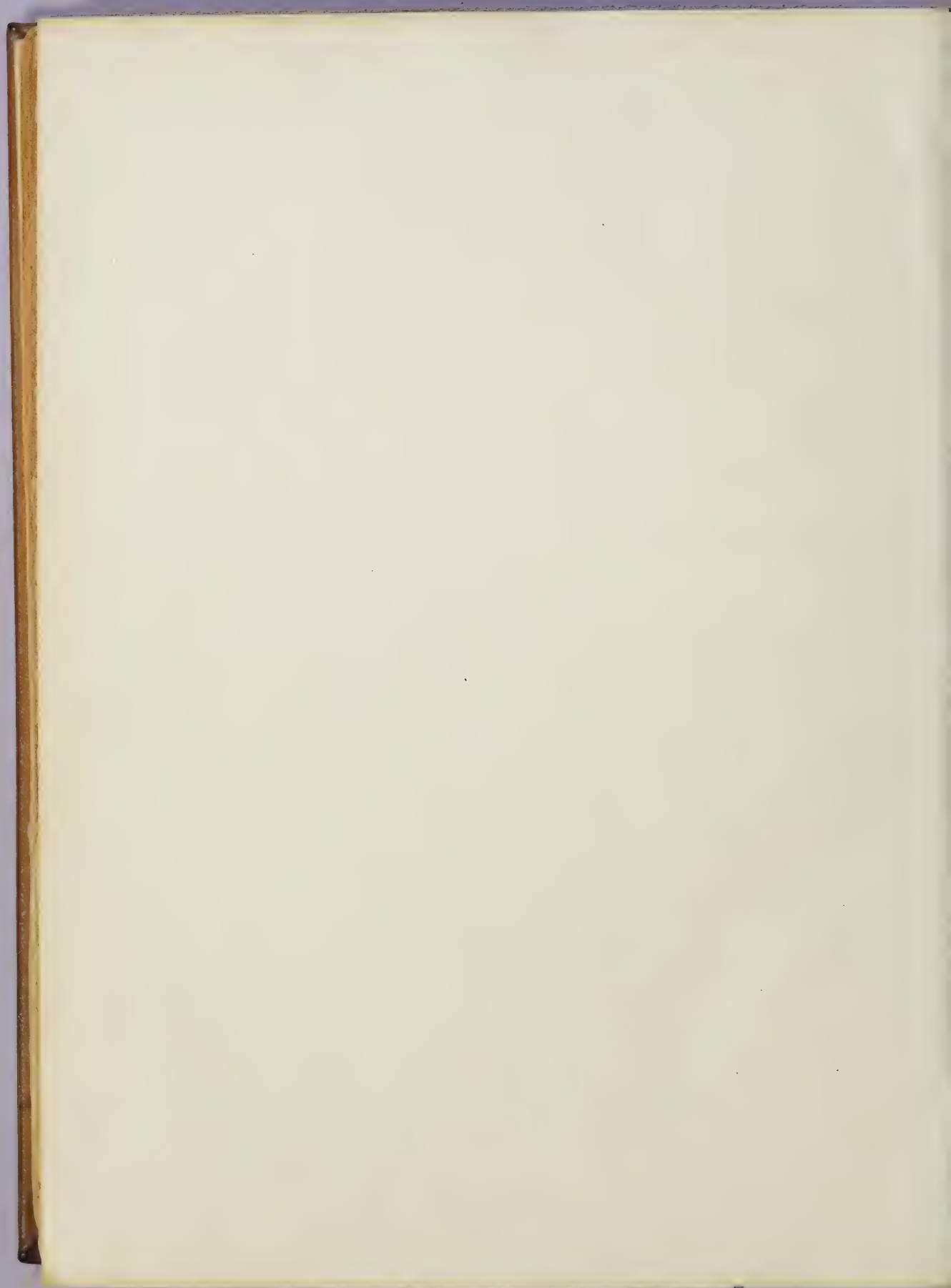
Lieutenant-General *Talmash*, the Earl of *Macclesfield*, my Lord *Cutts*, and all the Officers of the Land-Forces (I think) have shown all the forwardness and readiness imaginable, for the attempting any thing that was possible to be done on this occasion.

There are no Officers of Note (that I can yet hear of) kill'd in this Action, but Monsieur *Lamote*, and Lieutenant-General *Talmash* died the *Tuesday* following of the Wound he received in his Thigh; but there are several Captains, &c. who are either kill'd or taken, whose Names I am as yet ignorant of.

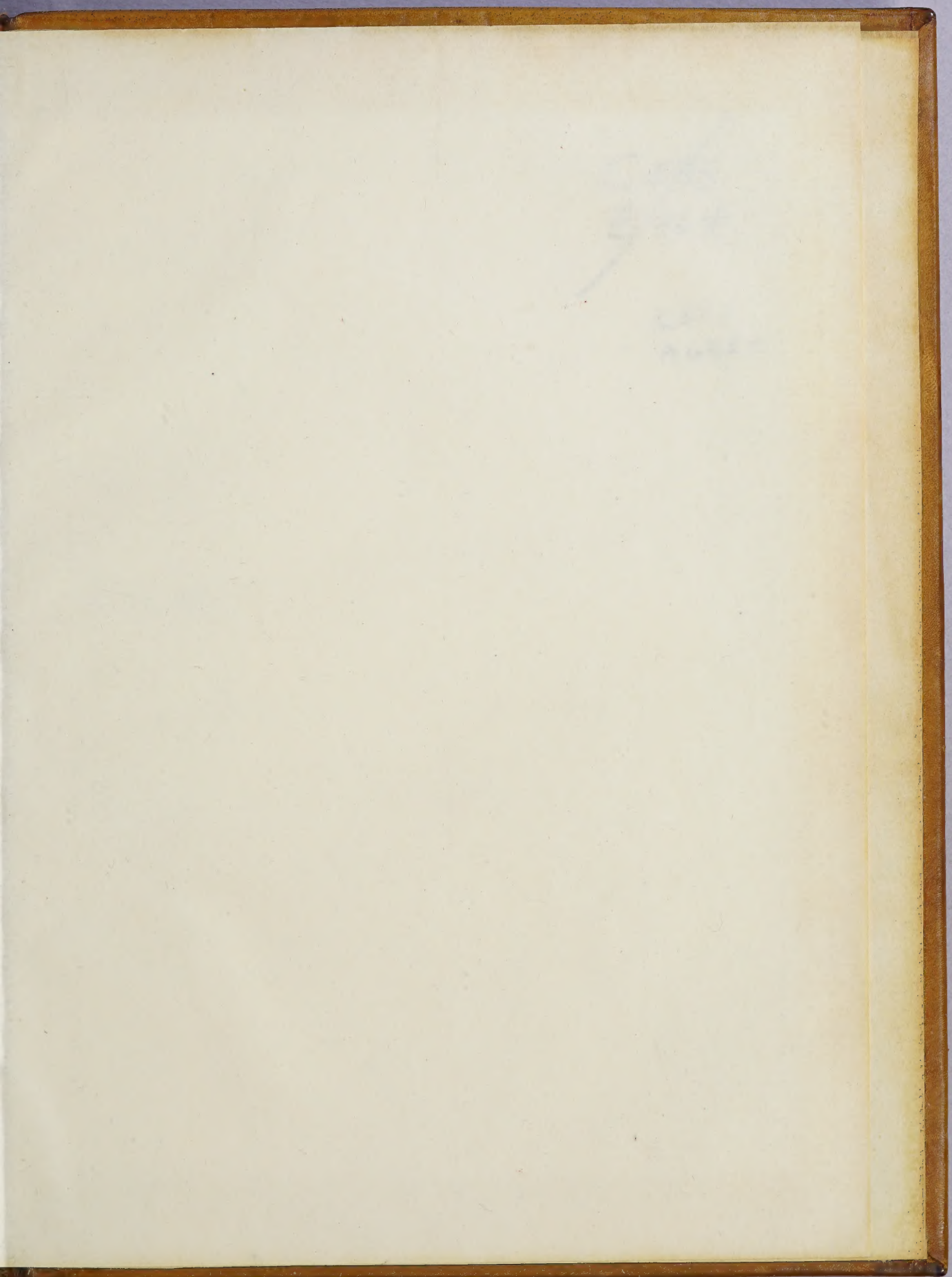
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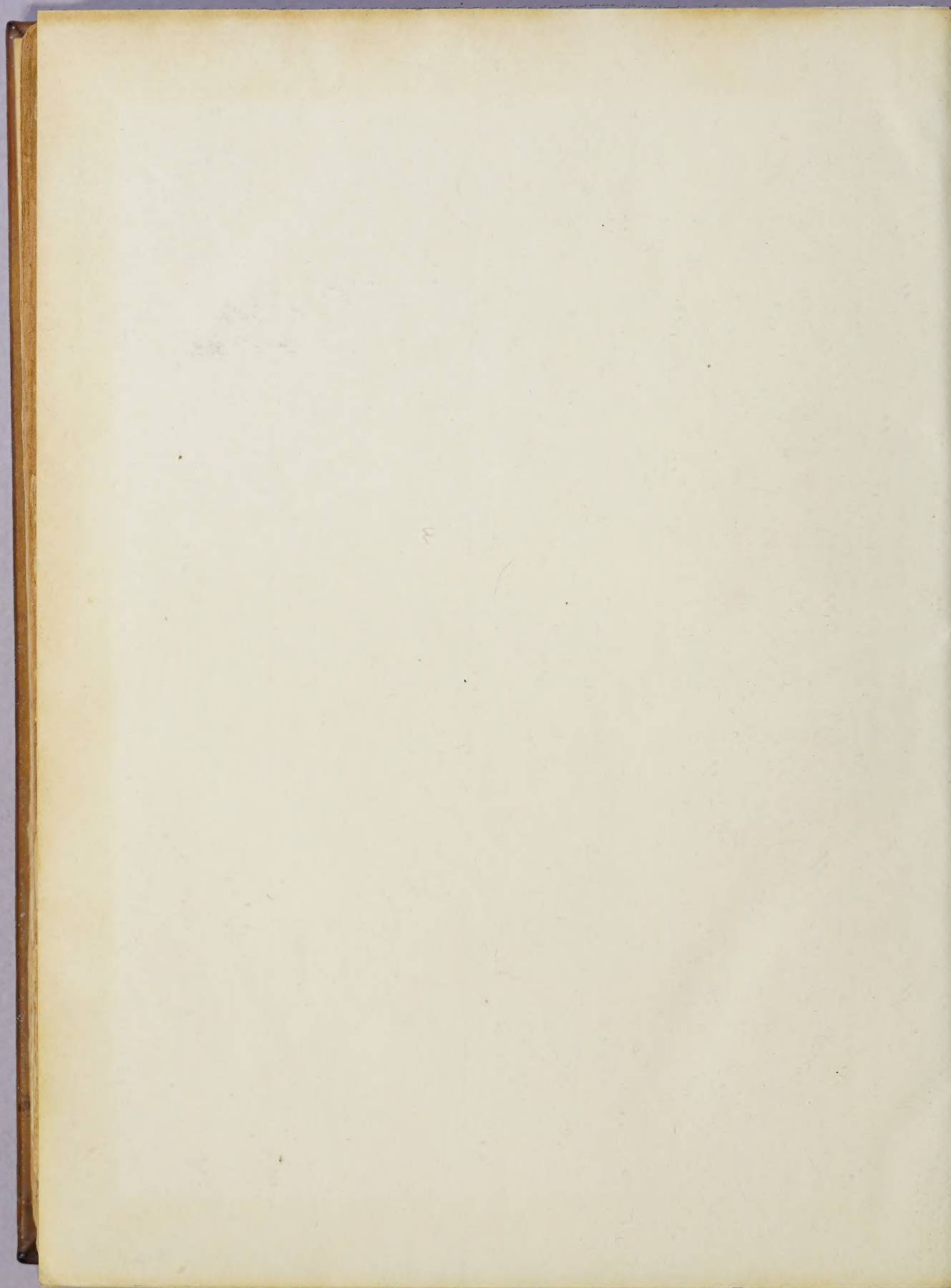














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